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THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA
OTTAWA

5th September 1919

Sir Robert Falconer, LL.D.
Toronto University
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert,

I am desirous of knowing whether you succeeded in obtaining some provision from the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Board by which financial assistance would be furnished to University Undergraduates wishing to complete their college courses. The fall session will soon open and probably you are in a position now to give me some definite information.

Yours sincerely

E. L. Cameron

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September 6th, 1919

E. H. Cameron, Esq.,

The Supreme Court of Canada,

Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Cameron:

I regret to say that we have been so far unsuccessful in getting the Government to give us any assurance that they will help returned soldier students by a grant for fees or maintenance. Since seeing you I was in Ottawa and interviewed the Prime Minister and Mr. Meighen, but although they were courteous they gave me no encouragement whatever. Therefore on my return I had the Memorandum as presented to the Prime Minister sent to the leading papers of the Dominion as well as to about a score of the leading members of Parliament. I also sent a letter to the Editors asking them to draw attention to the Memorandum and if they were favourable to support it. I know that it has been widely printed and favourably commented upon, but I am afraid that no action will be taken. It is a great disappointment but I do not see what further we can do in the matter. Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

REGISTRAR'S
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THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA
OTTAWA

11th September 1919

Sir Robert Falconer

President,

University of Toronto

Toronto, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert,

I am obliged for your letter of the 6th. I spent the summer in British Columbia and did not see any of the newspapers to which you refer. I regret very much the lack of interest which the Government seems to have in the undergraduate returned soldier.

I find a great deal of dissatisfaction here amongst the Great War Veterans and although one cannot sympathize with the efforts of some to commercialize their patriotism by demanding $2000.- for each returned soldier, yet the lack of sympathy and recognition received by some of them entitled to different treatment, gives strength to movements such as this one for an additional war service gratuity which they would not otherwise receive.

Kindly let me know if the University authorities are dispensing the returned soldier undergraduates from payment of fees or in any other way facilitating their return to their alma mater.

Yours sincerely

R. Lemieux

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September 12th, 1919

E. R. Cameron, Esq.,

The Supreme Court of Canada,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer in Halifax I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

The University is unable to dispense with the payment of fees by returned soldier undergraduates. The Universities are doing everything they can in the way of providing preparatory and special classes for returned men in order to fit them in again, but as the fees form a great part of the revenue it would be impossible for the Universities to relieve the soldier undergraduates from the fees for the regular courses.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA
OTTAWA

Sept.21st 1919

Sir Robert Falconer,

President

University of Toronto

Toronto,

My dear Sir Robert,

I am enclosing you a letter which appeared in this morning's Citizen. I have written Mr. O'Leary to come and see me. I think the present is an opportune time for pressing the students' claims upon the new Parliamentary Committee. I had a talk a few days ago with one of the leading officers in the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Department and he seems to think that if you wrote to Mr. Calder asking to be heard on behalf of these claims, it would not only be granted, but it would have an important influence with the Committee.

If there is anything I can do at this end I shall only be too pleased to be of service.

Yours sincerely

E. L. Jaques

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September 23rd, 1919

D. R. Cameron, Esq.,
Registrar, Supreme Court of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Sr. Cameron:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing the communication from Sr. O'Leary. I am glad to know that there seems to be something more hopeful about our proposal. I have just written to Sr. Calder to ask him whether the matter is to be taken up by his committee, and if so, when, in order that we may make further representation. If you hear anything more in regard to it I shall be glad to hear from you.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

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CHAMBERS

THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA
OTTAWA

25th Sept. 1919

Sir Robert Falconer,
President
University of Toronto
Toronto,

My dear Sir Robert:-

I am much obliged for your letter of the 17th.

To-day I was pleased to be informed that there is good reason to hope that the Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario, of which I am the Chairman of the Ottawa Branch, will seriously consider the question of the provincial authorities coming to the assistance of the University undergraduates who by reason of their war services, find it impossible, without financial help to continue their studies.

I think it would be very desirable for you to get in touch and have an interview with General A. Ross who I understand has just bee appointed provincial Minister in charge of all organizations dealing with the problem of the returned soldier. A letter addressed to him c/o Parliament Bldgs. Toronto would no doubt reach him at once. It would seem to me to be wise to follow up this lead whilst pursuing our present course as regards the Parliamentary Committee now sitting in Ottawa.

A special meeting of our Ottawa executive of the Toronto University Alumni Ass'n has been called for Friday afternoon when this question amongst others will be taken up.

Yours sincerely

E. R. Lawson

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September 27th, 1919

E. R. Cameron, Esq.,
Registrar, Supreme Court of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Many thanks for your letter. I endeavoured yesterday to make an arrangement to see General Sosa, but I was informed at the Parliament Buildings that he will not be down until Thursday. I will, however, see him as soon as possible. If it is advisable for me to go to Ottawa I will of course endeavour to do so.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.